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DISTRICT MEETINGS

Date and District	Place	Host or Hostess	Program Chairman
April 29 **Southwest**	Wilmington	Miss Claire K. Hague	Miss Catherine Hadeler Wright Library, Dayton
April 30 **Southeast**	Jackson	Mrs. Alice Hurd Dungan	Mrs. Susanna Titus Ross County Libraries, Chillicothe
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May 8 ***North Central**	Oberlin	Mr. Julian S. Fowler Miss Mary C. Venn	Miss Mary Prescott Parsons Lakewood Public Library
May 13 **East Central**	Zanesville	Mrs. Mabel F. Henderson	Mrs. Cora J. Bailey Westerville Public Library
May 14 **Northeast**	Lisbon	Miss Ruth Price	Miss Joan Mallett Youngstown Public Library

*Note change in date.

LIBRARIES AND WAR INFORMATION CENTERS

The United States Information Service (Office of Government Reports) is now sending a war information packet service to public libraries, key centers of information and training which have been so designated by the Office of Education and others. Up to the present time two packets have been sent out to approximately 1200 libraries in towns of 25,000 population and less and will be sent to others on request. The first contained pamphlets and reports covering the general heading of "The United States at War," and the second covered in similar fashion the subject "Nutrition." The next packet will be devoted to data on "Production and Conservation."

The purpose of these packets is to provide an exhibit copy of various government publications assembled from numerous government agencies. Libraries are requested to exhibit these as a unit in some spot which will afford the public an opportunity to look them over and order any they may need for themselves. Incidentally, this procedure is equally applicable to librarians who need duplicates for circulation, for war information centers, or for some other purpose.

The United States Information Service has recently established a Publications and Exhibits Section, function of which is to assemble and to adopt government publications for use in these monthly packets as library loans and for convention exhibits; to plan subjects to be treated in future packets; to promote maximum utilization of the material; to observe public interest in it and to perform any other duties possible which will help libraries with their war information centers.

Rose L. Vormelker, Head of the Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library, on leave of absence from Cleveland, is head of this new section, temporarily. She will be glad to hear what your problems are concerning need and use of government publications so far as war and defense are concerned.

1942 CONFERENCE—COLUMBUS—OCTOBER 22, 23, 24

DISTRICT MEETINGS

Mrs. Dorothy G. Foutts, Chairman of the Extension Committee, announces the following programs for the year's district meetings. Plans are not entirely completed in some instances as this *Bulletin* goes to press, but hosts, hostesses and program chairmen, respectively, assure interesting, stimulating sessions with opportunity for exchange of ideas and for fellowship.

Trustees are being especially invited and urged to take part in the district meetings this year. For this reason, too, it is important that there be a full attendance of librarians and library assistants at each meeting.

Plan now to attend your district meeting. Come with questions and suggestions.

April 29—Wilmington

9:30 REGISTRATION — Wilmington Public Library

10:00 MORNING SESSION—General—Nellie Moore Memorial Hall.

Address of Welcome

Results of the Victory Book Drive in Ohio—Mr. Paul A. T. Noon, State Librarian

Suggestions for a Trade Union Library—Miss Mildred Stibitz, Reference Department, Dayton Public Library

Visible File for Borrowers—Mrs. Mary H. Morehouse, Librarian, Bellefontaine Public Library

Defense Plans in Westerville Public Library—Mrs. Cora J. Bailey, Librarian, Westerville Public Library

Report—Adult Education Committee—Miss Pauline Fihe, Reader's Adviser, Cincinnati Public Library

12:30 LUNCHEON—Hotel General Denver

Administrative Reports

2:00 GROUP MEETINGS

Children's and Young People's Section—Chairman: Miss Eleanor Van Dervort, Children's Department, Dayton Public Library

Recent Books for Children—Mrs. Sara Beanblossom and Miss Blanche Nisler, Warder Public Library, Springfield

Address—Mrs. Marion L. Renick, Co-author "David Cheers the Team"

College and University Section—Chairman: Mr. Paul H. Bixler, Librarian, Antioch College Library

Forum—Effects of the College Speed-Up Plan on College and University Libraries

Public Libraries Section — Chairman: Miss Marie A. Newberry, Branch Librarian, Dayton Public Library

New Technical Material — Mr. Harold W. Tucker, Technical Department, Dayton Public Library

Book Reviews—Miss Mona H. McElfresh, Cincinnati Public Library

Trustees' Round Table—Chairman: Mrs. P. H. Flynn, President, Board of Trustees, Greene County District Library, Xenia.

3:00 GENERAL SESSION

Address—Postwar Reconstruction Literature — Mr. J. Donald Kingsley, Department of Government, Antioch College. Author of "Strategy of Democracy."

April 30—Jackson

9:30 REGISTRATION—Jackson Public Library

10:00 MORNING SESSION—General

Address of Welcome

Civilian Defense—Miss Margaret Baker, State Director, Women's Activities for Civilian Defense, Columbus

Followed by a discussion on the Librarian's angle.

From the Clipping File—A few minutes of short anecdotes about amusing, helpful or inspiring incidents occurring in our work.

Certification—Miss Thelma Reniff, Librarian, Warder Public Library, Springfield.

12:00 LUNCHEON

Administrative Reports

2:00 GROUP MEETINGS

College and University Section—Chairman: Miss Anne C. Keating, Librarian, Ohio University Library

Public Libraries Section

Other Rural Services—Mrs. Paul Gearheart, Ross County Agricultural Adjustment Administration Office, Chillicothe

Defense Materials for Small Libraries—Miss Alfreda Burrows, Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library

Trustees' Round Table

3:00 GENERAL SESSION

Guest Speaker

May 7—Van Wert

9:30 REGISTRATION—First Methodist Church

10:00 MORNING SESSION—General
Address of Welcome—Dr. E. E. Snyder, St. Mark's Lutheran Church; Member, Board of Trustees, Brumback Library, Van Wert
A War Library and Defense Information Center, Cleveland Style—Miss Alfreda Burrows, Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library
Technical Books—Needed Today, Supplied Today—Mr. Harold W. Tucker, Technical Department, Dayton Public Library
W. P. A. in Ohio—Miss Ruth Hess, Assistant State Supervisor, Library Services, Works Progress Administration, Columbus
Certification

12:00 LUNCHEON
Administrative Reports

2:00 GROUP MEETINGS
Public Libraries Section
The Administrator Streamlines for Victory:
In the College Library—Mr. J. H. Lancaster, Librarian, Heidelberg College Library
In the Large Library—Mr. Russell J. Schunk, Librarian, Toledo Public Library
In the Small Library—Mrs. Mary H. Morehouse, Librarian, Bellefontaine Public Library
The Children's Librarian Fits In—Miss Bertha M. Ball, Children's Librarian, Toledo Public Library
Trustees' Round Table
Chairman: Mrs. J. F. Mollenkopf, Member, Board of Trustees, Van Wert Public Library

3:00 GENERAL SESSION
Defense From the Neck Up—Professor Harold R. Walley, Department of English, Ohio State University

May 8—Oberlin

9:30 REGISTRATION—James Brand House, Corner North Main and Lorain Streets

10:00 MORNING SESSION—General
Address of Welcome—Mr. Julian S. Fowler, Librarian, Oberlin College Library
War and Defense Information Centers—Miss Rose L. Vormelker, Head, Business Information Bureau, Cleveland Public Library
Discussion—Led by Miss Dorothy Strouse, Librarian, Lucas County Library, Maumee
Why Are We Fighting? Some Reading Suggestions—Miss Fern Long, Field Worker, Adult Education Department, Cleveland Public Library
Morale Through Reading
Young People—Miss Frances Grim, Young People's Librarian, Lakewood Public Library
Children—Mrs. Josephine Bienstadt, Children's Librarian, Lakewood Public Library

12:30 LUNCHEON
Administrative Reports

2:00 GROUP MEETINGS
Public Libraries Section
Subject: Labor and the Library
Speakers: Mrs. Elsa Posell, Field Worker in Labor Education, Adult Education Department, Cleveland Public Library
Miss Bernadine McGruder, Educational Director, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Cleveland
Mr. Ted F. Silvey, Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio C. I. O. Council, Columbus
College and University Section
Trustees' Round Table
Chairman: Mrs. Elsie Bennet Wilson, Member, Board of Trustees, Medina Public Library

May 13—Zanesville

9:00 REGISTRATION—John McIntire Public Library

10:00 MORNING SESSION—General
Address of Welcome—Mr. Herbert M. Baker, President, Board of Trustees, John McIntire Public Library, Zanesville
Defense From the Neck Up—Professor Harold R. Walley, Department of English, Ohio State University
The Library and Community Needs in the Present Crisis—Mrs. C. C. Shively, President, Ohio League of Women Voters, Columbus
A Fifteen Minute Exchange of Ideas
A Survey of New Books—Mrs. Depew Head, Executive Secretary, Ohioana Library, Columbus

12:30 LUNCHEON
Administrative Reports
2:00-3:00 GROUP MEETINGS
College and University Section
Chairman: Miss Lillian Van Harlingen, Ohio State University Library
Trustees' Round Table
Chairman: Mr. Herbert M. Baker, Secretary-Treasurer, O. L. T. A.
2:00-4:00 GENERAL SESSION
A Glance at One or Two Ohio Libraries—Miss Dorothy Baker, County Librarian, Martins Ferry
New Juveniles—Miss Mary Teeter, Librarian, Crestview Junior High School, Columbus
A Blue Print for Adventure—Dr. J. Ruskin Howe, President, Otterbein College, Westerville
Address—Mr. John Rood, Ohio Artist and Author

May 14—Lisbon

9:30 REGISTRATION—Lisbon Public Library
10:00 MORNING SESSION—General
Address of Welcome
Library Experiences in Belmont County—Miss Josephine Beery, Librarian, Martins Ferry Public Library
Report on Certification — Miss Laura Briesemeister, Librarian, Canton Public Library
Civilian Defense in Ohio (speaker to be announced)
Libraries Meet Modern War Demands
A Large Library
A Small Library
12:30 LUNCHEON
Administrative Reports
2:00 GROUP MEETINGS
Public Libraries Section
Suggestion Exchange—Open discussion led by Miss Mary H. Hall, Librarian, East Liverpool Public Library
Books on World War II—Miss Louise M. Boutelle, Head, History Division, Cleveland Public Library
An Employer Looks to the Library —Mr. John Gordon, General Manager, Taylor-Winfield Corporation, Warren
Trustees' Round Table

A Reminder from the Treasurer who reports that dues have been coming in quite well, but that about one-third of our members have still to pay their current dues. The Ohio Library Association needs your membership. If you have not yet paid your 1942 dues, please hand your dollar to the membership representative in your library or send it directly to Miss Frances G. Nunmaker, Membership Chairman, Ohio State Library.

On the Home Front

Now, when we are emphasizing the ways in which libraries and librarians can best serve their country, we should realize more than ever the need for service to the sick. The Army, the Navy, and the Veterans' Administration are providing for the men in their hospitals; the civilian population must not be neglected.

We are helping everyone to face readjustments. Adjustment to hospital life is difficult, yet it is essential to the mental contentment which will speed recovery. Since members of the medical profession recognized the therapeutic value of books some time ago, when will we, as librarians, understand that service to the well is library service only half done?

Why not inaugurate hospital service in your library *now* and enable those who have been sick to return to active life better equipped to carry on the traditional burdens which face each citizen today?

Ohio Association of Hospital Librarians,
Maryann Chapman, President.

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

State Aid

At a meeting of the State Aid Committee in Columbus on March 20, it was decided to liberalize the rules controlling the distribution of the $50,282.50 State Aid fund for the current year. The demands being made on all libraries for expensive technical books seemed to justify giving slightly larger grants to the extension center libraries and making it possible for a larger number of non-extension center libraries to participate in the fund.

Certification

The Certification Committee is at work on a special certification issue of the O. L. A. Bulletin which will be mailed to all O. L. A. members and to all trustees about the middle of May. Enclosed with this will be a questionnaire on the certification of librarians in Ohio which everyone is urged to consider carefully and to answer personally. The committee solicits your interest in this special certification bulletin and your cooperation in answering the certification questionnaire.

Convention

Mrs. Sarah H. Bilby has found it necessary to resign from the chairmanship of the local convention committee because of

her recent illness. We are glad to report, however, that she will continue to serve on the committee. Mrs. Josephine J. Swinehart takes her place as chairman.

The personnel of the local convention "steering" committee is as follows:

Mrs. Josephine J. Swinehart, Grandview Heights Public Library, Chairman.

Mrs. Cora J. Bailey, Westerville Public Library.

Mrs. Sarah H. Bilby, Bexley Public Library.

Miss Dorothea Conrad, Capital University Library.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Kirn, Worthington Public Library.

Miss H. Kathleen White, Grove City Public Library.

The committee is already active with plans and arrangements for the Columbus Convention, October 22-24, and the Exhibits Chairman, Mr. Richard Fisher, reports that reservations for exhibit space are beginning to come in from our exhibitors.

Put October 22, 23, 24 on your calendar!

Personnel Directory

The Junior Members Round Table is attempting to contact all school, public, college, university and special libraries in the state to secure complete and up-to-date personnel lists for the new DIRECTORY OF PERSONNEL OF THE LIBRARIES IN THE STATE OF OHIO. Librarians are asked to send, before May 15th, all changes in personnel, in position, in title, or name (because of marriage) to the chairman of the project, Mrs. Yolan A. Ziessman, Shaker Heights Public Library, or to any of the following members of her committee:

Miss Frances Boyd, Toledo Public Library.

Miss Frances Elliott, Ohio State University, Columbus.

Miss Doris Langenhan, Cleveland Public Library.

Miss Mary Shank, Lane Public Library, Hamilton.

Miss Mary Sommerville, Springfield Public Library.

Miss Mary Yoder, Albert B. Hart Junior High School, Cleveland.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

October 15, 1941—March 31, 1942

RECEIPTS		
Cash on hand October 15, 1941		$1,667.77
Memberships		1,204.00
Interest		5.60
Exhibits and Local Committee:		
Toledo Convention	$839.32	
Columbus Convention	24.00	863.32
Miscellaneous		10.00
		$3,750.69
EXPENDITURES		
President's Office		$ 103.81
Treasurer's Office		10.00
Executive Committee		54.84
Executive Secretary and Membership Committee		109.29
Toledo Convention		697.60
O. L. A. Bulletin		123.26
Adult Education Committee		87.95
Legislative Committee		150.00
Certification Committee		9.40
State Aid Committee		40.19
A. L. A. Chapter Dues		25.00
Clipping Service for Ohio State Library		37.50
		$1,448.84
BALANCE MARCH 31, 1942		2,301.85
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:		
Cash on hand:		
Columbus Building & Loan Company	$ 115.03	
Washington County Savings Loan & Bldg., Marietta	378.63	
Toledo Trust Company	1,808.19	$2,301.85

The Ohioana Library

The Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library was founded in 1929, by Mrs. Myers Y. Cooper, to honor Ohio writers, to acquaint the public with their books, to assemble their books in one place and, through such a collection, to preserve the story of Ohio and Ohioans. This unique Library, housed in the State Library at Columbus, has been developed wholly by private subscription, plus the cooperation of Ohio's writers and national publishers. There are more than 3500 books in the collection representing 1500 Buckeye authors. A catalog of the books will be furnished any library upon request, also detailed information about the Library or data about Ohio authors.

Each year a luncheon is given in honor of the Ohio authors who have had books published in the current year, and these "affairs" are considered among the outstanding literary events of the Mid-west. The annual luncheon for 1942 will be held Saturday, October 24, at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel, Columbus. No doubt many librarians will want to take advantage of seeing and meeting many of Ohio's authors on the 24th, which is the last day of the O. L. A. convention. Last year forty-five writers were our guests.

At the annual luncheon this year The Ohioana Library is giving a U. S. Defense Bond to the Ohio author whose book, published in the interim of October 1, 1941, to October 1, 1942, has contributed most to the understanding of present-day America. Judges for this award will be Louis Bromfield, chairman; Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo *Blade;* Clark Firestone, author and associate editor, Cincinnati *Times-Star;* and Ted Robinson, the Cleveland *Plain Dealer's* "Philosopher of Folly." Patrons' dues for The Ohioana Library are one dollar annually. Dues must be paid in order to attend the Ohioana luncheon.

The Ohioana Committee would appreciate librarians sending any information about new books by Ohioans or about Ohioans. Sometimes we miss local writers.

Mrs. Depew Head, *Executive Chairman, The Ohioana Library.*

School and Library Relationships

The suggestion has been made that there be a joint committee of the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio Library Association to bring about further cooperation and unity of purpose between public schools and public libraries throughout the state. The Educational Council, the official research body of the Ohio Education Association, is sending out a questionnaire, pertinent to this proposal, to the 271 public librarians in Ohio and to the superintendents of schools in these public library communities. The frank opinions of librarians and superintendents are needed to make this study worthwhile and effective.

It will be appreciated if every librarian who receives one of the questionnaires will give it prompt and careful attention.

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Special Certification Bulletin

MAY, 1942

Certification Committee for 1941-1942

Edna G. Moore, Chairman, Elyria Library; Helen M. Focke, Cleveland Public Library; Janet L. Hannaford, Dayton Public Library; Corinne A. Metz, Newark, Ohio.

In this SPECIAL CERTIFICATION NUMBER of the O. L. A. Bulletin, there is reprinted in full a Bill providing for the certification of librarians, which is the work of several successive Certification Committees, and which was approved by the O. L. A., at their meeting in Youngstown in October, 1940.

PLEASE READ THE BILL CAREFULLY, NOTING THAT:

1. It grants, without examination, certificates to all librarians now occupying professional positions in Ohio Libraries. (Sec. 3, lines 71-73).
2. It provides two methods of securing library certificates for professional positions in the future:
   (a) Graduation from an accredited library school. (Sec. 3, lines 78-79).
   (b) Examination for those qualified by experience and education. (Sec. 3, lines 80-81).
3. The term "professional library position" is defined in the Bill. (Sec. 1, par. c).
4. It provides for a board of library examiners made up of librarians. (Sec. 2).
5. It provides for the recognition of certificates of librarianship granted in other states. (Sec. 4).
6. The smallest libraries, those with an income of less than $2500 a year, are exempt from the provisions of the Bill. (Sec. 6).
7. In all other libraries, only 25% of the staff are required to be holders of professional librarians' certificates. (Sec. 1, par. c).

A Questionnaire is enclosed for individual librarians and trustees. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, ANSWER FRANKLY, AND RETURN SOON. The personal opinion of each library worker and trustee on this matter is earnestly desired. Upon the answers may depend whether or not the Bill is introduced into the Ohio Legislature.

PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION BILL

Submitted to the O. L. A. by the Committee on Certification at Youngstown, October, 1940

As amended at the meeting on October 11th

A BILL

Relating to the certification of professional public library workers and to repeal section 7643-8 of the General Code.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio.

Section 1. Definitions: (a) The term "board" as used in this act shall mean the state board of library examiners as created herein.

(b) The term "public libraries" as used in this act shall mean the Ohio State Library, the school district, county district, county, municipal, township and association libraries of the state which are supported in whole or in part by public funds.

(c) "Professional library positions" shall be those which in the opinion of the board of library examiners require an education equivalent to that necessary for graduation from a four year college, and in addition thereto a knowledge of books and library methods equivalent to that required for graduation from a library school offering a course of at least one academic year's duration, and shall include the following positions: chief librarian, assistant chief librarian, department heads, division heads, library assistants, and chief librarian in branch libraries having two or more employees on the library staff; provided, however, that not less than twenty-five per cent of all employees, except members of the maintenance staff, in any public library must be holders of certificates of librarianship as provided in this act.

(d) The term "chief librarian," as used in this act, shall mean the head of the library staff.

(e) The term "assistant chief librarian," as used in this act, shall mean that person serving directly under and as assistant to the chief librarian.

(f) The terms "department heads," "division heads," and "library assistants," as used in this act, shall mean those heads of departments, heads of divisions, and other members of the library staff, performing work of a grade which requires training in the theoretical or scientific parts of library work as distinct from its merely mechanical parts.

(g) The term "professional librarian," as used in this act, shall include the positions mentioned in paragraphs (d), (e) and (f).

(h) The term "accredited library school," as used in this act, shall mean a library school accredited by the state board of library examiners created herein.

Section 2. There is hereby created a state board of library examiners composed of six members, one of whom shall be the chief librarian of a county district library, one of whom shall be the chief librarian of a municipal library, one of whom shall be the chief librarian of a school district library in a school district having a population of less than ten thousand persons, one of whom shall be the chief librarian or a professional librarian from the staff of a school district library in a school district having a population of ten thousand to one hundred thousand persons, and one of whom shall be the chief librarian or a professional librarian from the staff of a school district library in a school district having a population of more than one hundred thousand persons. These members of the board shall be appointed by the governor from a list of ten names submitted by the Ohio Library Association or from others at his discretion. The state librarian shall be an ex-officio member of the board and as its sixth member shall serve as its secretary.

Of the initial board one member shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of five years, and thereafter all terms shall be five years. After the appointment of the first members of the board, all members appointed to the board must be holders of certificates of librarianship and shall be selected from names submitted by the Ohio Library Association. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the governor for the unexpired term from names submitted by the Ohio Library Association or from others at his discretion. The members shall re-

ceive no compensation, but their necessary expenses shall be paid from the state board of library examiners' fund as herein provided. The board is also authorized to employ clerks whenever in its judgment it is deemed necessary, and is authorized to fix the compensation of such employees; provided, however, that the compensation of such employees and all reasonable expenses incurred by the board shall be paid upon warrant of the state auditor, upon certification of the secretary, and charged against the state board of library examiners' fund as herein provided. The board shall hold at least two meetings each year, and shall adopt rules and regulations for its own government and for carrying out the purposes of this act. The rules and regulations shall be published from time to time and no change therein shall be effective for at least one year from the January first next succeeding the publication of the said change.

Section 3. Professional positions in public librares shall be held only by persons holding certificates of librarianship.

The board shall have authority to grant certificates of librarianship to qualified applicants.

All persons appointed to fill vacancies occurring in professional positions in public libraries, after the effective date of this act, must be holders of certificates of librarianship.

Any person who, at the effective date of this act, occupies a position hereinbefore defined as professional in any public library shall, upon application to the board, without examination, be granted a certificate of librarianship.

Those persons now holding certificates of qualification from the state board of library examiners, as provided in section 7643-8 of the General Code, shall be granted certificates of librarianship, without fee, by the state board of library examiners as set up in this act.

The board shall upon application, without examination, issue a certificate of librarianship to any person who has graduated from an accredited library school.

The board shall conduct examinations at least once a year to qualify persons for certificates of librarianship.

Those persons desiring to obtain a certificate of librarianship by examination shall first make application to the board upon a form provided by said board. The examination shall be open to any graduate of a college or university recognized by the State Director of Education. Such examinations shall be held at a time and place to be fixed by the board.

Section 4. When a person holds a certificate of librarianship which has been granted under the laws of another state where the qualifications for the issuance of said certificate are similar to the qualifications set out in this act, the state board of library examiners shall issue such person upon application, and without examination, a certificate of librarianship; provided, however, that no such certificate shall be issued unless the laws of such other state provide similar recognition to persons holding certificates granted under the laws of Ohio.

Section 5. The board shall set a fee of not more than five dollars which shall accompany each application for a certificate or application for examination. All fees collected on behalf of the state board of library examiners shall be reported at the beginning of each month to the state auditor, and deposited in the state treasury; the amount of such collections shall be credited to a fund to be known as the state board of library examiners' fund, which fund is hereby created; and out of it shall be paid, upon the warrant of the state auditor upon certificate of the secretary of the state board of library examiners, salaries and all other expenses necessarily incurred in carrying into effect the provisions of this act; provided, however, that any money in excess of such salaries and operating expenses shall be credited to the general revenue fund of the state at the end of each biennium.

Section 6. No public library shall receive the support of public funds in any case where the state board of library examiners has certified to the county budget commission and county treasurer in the county or counties wherein said library is located, that the said library has failed to comply with the provisions of this act; provided, however, that public libraries having a total income of less than

111 twenty-five hundred dollars per annum shall be exempt from the provisions of this
112 act.

113 Section 7. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treas-
114 ury to the credit of the general revenue fund and not otherwise appropriated, the
115 sum of five hundred dollars for the use of the state board of library examiners
116 created by this act, which sum shall be repaid from funds subsequently collected
117 by the state board of library examiners as provided by this act.

118 Section 8. That existing section 7643-8 of the General Code be, and the
119 same is, hereby repealed.

WHO WILL BENEFIT BY CERTIFICATION?

1. *The public for whom the libraries exist.* The public has a right to insist that their libraries be administered by people with special education which will enable them to spend the money wisely, to administer their libraries in a business-like manner, to give out information with intelligence, to select books carefully, and to aid in the educational processes for young and old who want the sort of education which comes from books. The fact that a state-wide pension system is now in effect for retiring librarians should logically carry with it state-wide standards of service for those who are later to receive these pensions. Agitation for either certification of librarians or civil service status for them has come from tax-payers' groups.

2. *The trustees of libraries.* Such a law administered on a state-wide basis should simplify their task of seeking the best person for a certain position. When all candidates are required to hold certificates of qualification, trustees can center their attention on personal qualifications and rest assured of the educational background of the candidates. State-wide certification will not hinder the local qualified person, any more than it does in the case of teachers. It will, however, strengthen the hands of trustees faced with pressure groups desiring the appointment of non-qualified local people, in return for political favor.

3. *The librarians themselves.* Such a law will guarantee that a reasonable portion of the library staff must have the education and experience which many years of trial and error have shown were necessary for the proper administration of a library. It will also, through the provision for certification by examination, offer the non-library-school, but competent, person a chance to obtain official recognition. It will carry with it the prestige which has come in a similar manner to all other professions, requiring recognized standards for personnel. What the doctors, the lawyers, the teachers, etc. have accomplished by their certification laws, we want very deeply for ourselves. Higher standards of service in themselves tend to encourage more highly qualified personnel to enter that service.

CERTIFICATION IS MAKING PROGRESS

The Indiana legislature passed a bill for the certification of librarians in 1941, which brings the list of states which require librarians in public libraries to hold certificates up to nineteen.

In addition, ten states have a voluntary plan of certification by state library associations.

Thus, twenty-nine of the forty-eight states have some form of certification for librarians in public libraries.

In Ohio school librarians may be certified by The State Department of Education. The county district library law requires the certification of county district librarians and state aid rules encourage the appointment of trained and experienced personnel as county librarians.

Michigan librarians are working on a certification bill which they hope to present at some favorable time.

Please answer and return the Certification Questionnaire promptly.

OHIO LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

CERTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please indicate what your attitude is towards a bill for the certification of librarians in Ohio: (check)

1. I am heartily in favor of such a bill ☐
2. I am not in favor of such a bill ☐
3. If it is introduced into the Ohio legislature,
   I will actively support it with my representatives ☐
   I will actively oppose it with my representatives ☐
4. I am not interested. I am indifferent to the whole subject ☐

Questions I would like to have answered:

Suggestions I would like to make:

Signed: Date_____

Name _____

Position _____

Library _____

Address _____

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O. L. A. CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE
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